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#### **CHELSEA, MASS.**

##### **Offensive Trades—Regulation of (Rule, Board of Health, Adopted Oct. 29, 1912.)**

RULE 58a. No person or persons shall exercise any of the following trades or employments, viz, that of manufacturing fertilizers, of mixing or storing refuse animal or vegetable substances, or sorting or picking feathers, of refining oils, of making egg dressing, varnish, glue, gas, water-gas, gasoline or any burning fluid, within the city, except at places where such trades or employments are now lawfully established, or where such trades may hereafter be assigned by the board of health; no person or persons shall exercise any of the following trades or employments, viz, that of slaughtering animals or fowl, of rendering animal matter, of smoking fish or meat, except at places where such trades or employments are now lawfully established and licensed or where such trades or employments may hereafter be assigned and licensed by the board of health, all such licenses expiring June 1, annually; above said trades or employments being either a nuisance, or hurtful to the inhabitants of this city, dangerous to the public health, attended by noisome and injurious odors, or otherwise injurious to health of said inhabitants.

#### **DES MOINES, IOWA.**

##### **Board of Health—Organization and Duties (Ordinance Adopted Nov. 11, 1912).**

SECTION 1. There is hereby created the health department which shall be a division of the department of public safety.

SEC. 2. *Organization.*—The health department shall consist of the health officer, city physician, secretary, quarantine sergeant, and such other inspectors as may be authorized by statute or ordinance.

SEC. 3. *City Physician—Duties.*—That the city council shall, upon its first organization, elect a city physician who has practiced medicine and resided in the city for at least two years and who shall hold his office for the term of two years and until his successor is elected and qualified.

The city physician shall be the physician to the board of health and shall perform any and all duties as may be ordered by the said board, city council, or superintendent of public safety. He shall attend upon any accidents or injuries of persons within the city, upon the call of the marshal or the chief of the fire department, his assistants, or any member of the police or fire department authorized by the marshal or the chief of the fire department to make such call, and shall accompany or provide a substitute, who shall be a physician, to accompany the ambulance in the transportation of all persons to their residence or hospital as the case may be. He shall attend only such firemen or policemen as may be injured in the discharge of their duties, and shall give the first aid to all injured persons, but he shall not be required to attend or administer to other city employees except as herein provided.

He shall make a physical examination of all persons holding or seeking positions under the city government when so required by the superintendent of any department having charge of such appointment or examination for position and render a written report on the same.

He shall attend any person in the city jail upon call from the city jailer and shall send any person who in his opinion is entitled to such aid to the hospital, and shall keep in communication and attendance upon such cases which have been sent and discharge such patients when in his opinion they should leave the hospital. He

shall maintain an office at police headquarters to be provided by the city council and shall have a sleeping apartment and a surgical dressing room kept in readiness for his emergency work. He shall attend and administer to all indigent persons who have resided in the city less than six months, without compensation therefor.

SEC. 4. *Health officer*.—The health officer shall perform such duties as are now or may be hereafter prescribed by statute or ordinance.

SEC. 5. *Secretary*.—The secretary of the health department shall be responsible for the proper conduct of the affairs of the department, including all clerical work and all matters pertaining to sanitation and health of the community. He shall keep and preserve all records and shall each month, or oftener if required, prepare a report of the work of the department, containing all data and particulars touching the business transacted by the department and the employees of the same. The secretary shall have supervision over all the inspectors and employees of the department except city physician and health officer.

SEC. 6. *Sanitary inspectors*.—The sanitary inspectors shall perform such duties as may be required of them by the health officer, secretary or superintendent of the public safety and shall make such report upon the work assigned to them as they may be directed. They shall further be required to perform such extra work as may be necessary and shall be subject to call at any time under the direction of the health officer, secretary or superintendent of public safety.

SEC. 7. *Quarantine sergeant*.—The quarantine sergeant shall visit all quarantine premises as required by the rules and regulations of the State board of health and shall attend to the disinfection of all premises upon the recovery of patients so quarantined. He shall further perform such duties as may be required by the health officer, secretary and superintendent of public safety.

SEC. 9. *Rules and regulations*.—The officers and employees of the health department shall report for duty at 8 o'clock a. m., at the office of the secretary, and shall remain on duty from 8 a. m. till noon and from 1 p. m. until 5 p. m. daily.

The sanitary inspectors and quarantine sergeant shall alternate in performing Sunday duties.

All officials, inspectors, and employees shall comply with the rules of the civil-service commission, civil-service ordinance and laws, and the orders issued to them by any of their superiors.

All inspectors shall report for duty in, and keep and maintain a neat uniform during all hours of service. All inspectors shall report at least once each hour by phone or otherwise or present a reasonable excuse for not being able to do so, and the secretary shall keep a record thereof daily.

All officers, inspectors, and employees will be subjected to suspension for neglect of duty, misconduct of any kind, or procrastination, and the health officer and secretary shall report to their superiors in writing any failure to comply with any of the rules herein. All employees of the health department shall be polite and courteous to the public at all times and shall exercise their authority and perform their duties in a manner calculated to cause the least alarm or mental disturbance to the citizen with whom they are dealing. All officers and inspectors shall make complete and intelligent returns of all work performed by them, assigned or placed in their charge for distribution or execution, and they shall state that the said work so assigned was actually performed by them and that their returns thereof are full, true, and correct, in so far as the nature of the duties of an officer or inspector of the health department will permit. The rules regulating the police department shall control when they are not inconsistent with any of the rules contained herein. All grievances or complaints arising between members of the health department shall be presented to the superior officer of him who so filed said complaint or presents the aforesaid grievance. Any employee of the health department who feels aggrieved at the disposition of any complaint filed by him in writing may present the same for review to the superintendent of the public safety

department. All complaints or grievances arising in the health department shall be made in writing, and the superior officer hearing the same must take and file with his superior office a full report of the hearing and findings upon said hearing.

SEC. 10. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SEC. 11. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication as required by law.

### **FORT SMITH, ARK.**

#### **Septic Tanks and Cesspools—Construction, Cleaning, and Inspection of (Ordinance Adopted Nov. 18, 1912).**

SECTION 1. That no person or persons shall construct, permit or maintain upon his premises a cesspool (privy vault) or septic tank where a city sewer runs through a street or alley either in front or in the rear of such premises or contiguous thereto.

SEC. 2. No person shall hereafter establish or maintain a cesspool (privy vault) or septic tank without first having a permit from the chief plumbing inspector and approved by the board of health at one of their regular meetings.

SEC. 3. Any person desiring to construct or maintain a cesspool (privy vault) or septic tank shall file with the chief plumbing inspector a written statement, giving the lot, block, and addition where it is desired to conduct or maintain the same, the number of families to use the same, with a diagram showing the abutting property, the nearest adjacent houses, and all public or private ways or places of which the premises abut.

SEC. 4. That all cesspools (privy vaults) shall be cleaned out every 90 days or as much oftener as the Chief of Sanitary Police may think necessary. The price for cleaning out a cesspool (privy vault) shall be \$1.50 for the average size. In large cesspools (privy vaults) if the fee of \$1.50 is not thought to be large enough by the scavenger and he and the owner can not agree on the price, then the chief of sanitary police shall fix the price, subject to appeal by either party to the sanitary committee of the city council, whose decision shall be final.

SEC. 5. That all cesspools (privy vaults) shall be at least 5 feet deep, and shall not be erected within 20 feet of any building used or occupied for residence purposes, nor within 100 feet of any well, cistern, or spring, the water of which is used for domestic purposes. Neither shall a cesspool or privy vault be placed within 10 feet of any street or 5 feet of any alley, and such cesspool or privy vault shall have 9-inch walls and 12-inch bottom constructed of hard burnt brick or stone laid in concrete mortar or of concrete with bottom and sides cemented so as to be water-tight, not to be less than 4 feet in diameter and 5 feet in depth, with closed opening so the scavenger can clean it, and so constructed as to exclude all surface water, and its contents shall never be within 18 inches of the surface of the ground. The manner and method of the contents of the toilet or water closet conveyed therefrom to the cesspool or privy vault shall be subject to the approval of the chief plumbing inspector.

SEC. 7. That no septic tank shall be erected or maintained in the city of Fort Smith, Ark., until the party or parties erecting or maintaining said septic tank shall file with the chief plumbing inspector a written statement giving the lot, block, and addition said septic tank is proposed to be erected or maintained upon, giving the number of families to be accommodated, a diagram of the property as well as the adjacent property, the nearest adjacent houses and all public or private ways or places on which the premises abut. Also giving plans and specifications proposed to be used which shall be approved by the chief plumbing inspector and referred to the board of health for their approval at a regular meeting. But in no event shall any septic tank be erected or maintained that has less than three filtration beds, to be approved by the board of health. All cesspools (privy vaults) or septic tanks when out of use shall be